



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
April 5, 2022**

9:01 AM Call meeting to Order by Chair Gardner

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, and Peters (all attended via teleconference).
Supervisors Absent: Kreitz.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Duggan

Chair Gardner:

- “Do not follow a where the path my lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognizing Milestone Anniversaries of County Colleagues

Departments: CAO

(Robert Lawton and Various Department Heads) - Recognize those County employees who reached milestone work anniversaries (5-year increments) during the calendar

years 2019 and 2020. At upcoming board meetings, County employees reaching milestone anniversaries during the years 2021 and 2022 will also be recognized.

Action: Conduct recognition ceremony.

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Introduced Item
- Introduced Information Technology Honorees
- Introduced Behavioral Health Honorees
- Introduced Social Services Honorees

Chair Gardner:

- Introduced Elected Honorees

Robin Roberts, Behavior Health Director

- Introduced Behavior Health Department Honorees

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director

- Introduced Community Development Honorees

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- Introduced Jay Sloane for 8 years of service

Chief Chris Mokracek, Emergency Medical Services

- Introduced EMS Honorees

Karin Humiston, Chief of Probation

- Introduced Probation Honorees

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director

- Introduced Public Works Honorees

Sheriff Braun

- Introduced Sheriff's Office Honorees

Supervisor Corless

- Glad that we are moving forward with recognitions and looking forward to seeing everyone in person at the BBQ

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Robert C. Lawton, CAO

- Preparing for 3rd quarter budget reports and getting systems in place for fiscal year 22-23 Budgeting
- Attended Mammoth Lakes Tourism event
- Held Coffee with the CAO Meetings – Mammoth and Bridgeport
- Jail Project Meeting – Public Works Director Tony Dublino
- Participated in JEDI Meeting
- Met with Mammoth Community Water District
- One on One meetings with Department Heads

- Multiple meetings with new Housing Opportunities Manager – Sanjay Choudhrie
- Participated in meeting with NACo staff in forecasting federal resources for rebuilding, restoration, and resilience
- Met with IT – configuration and equipment that is needed for Mono Lake Room to function as both a board meeting space and a meeting space for town governments
- Met with Nate from IT – Mono County Broadband Strategy
- Met with Tony Dublino and Justin Nalder to prepare for - Conway Ranch Annual Update

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- Announced Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel: has given birth to twin girls

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director

- Planning Commission Meeting on 3/17 - Short Term Rental Permit Application in Twin Lakes area got denied and did not receive an appeal
- Pending the 4/5 discussion on Short Term Moratorium – Controversial; only on application received since the board gave direction on 4/5

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the March 1, 2022, meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Action: Approved the Board Minutes from the March 1, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-058

B. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2022.

Action: Approved the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 2/28/2022.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-059

C. Letter of Support for SB 1147 (Borgeas)

Departments: CAO

Letter of support for SB 1147 (Borgeas) which would allow: (1) the Public Administrator for Mono County to be appointed, rather than elected; (2) the removal of Public Administrator functions from the Office of the District Attorney for Mono County; (3) the consolidation of the Office of the Public Administrator with the Office of the Public Guardian.

Action: Approved proposed letter.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-060

D. Resolution Making Findings under AB 361

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution making the findings required by AB 361 for the purpose of making available the modified Brown Act teleconference rules set forth in AB 361 for the period of April 5, 2022, through May 5, 2022.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

R22-030

E. Letter of Support for Anthem Blue Cross / Medi-Cal Health Plan

Departments: CAO

Anthem Blue Cross / Medi-Cal Health Plan has requested a letter of support for its response to the State's request for proposals for Medi-Cal managed care plan services. At its March 11 meeting, the Board approved a similar letter of support on behalf of Health Net California Health and Wellness and was advised that such letter was non-exclusive in nature. Anthem has now requested a similar letter for inclusion with its RFP response.

Action: Approved proposed non-exclusive letter of support and authorized the Chair to sign said letter on the Board's behalf.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-061

F. Anthem Business Associate Agreement

Departments: Public Health

Proposed contract with Anthem pertaining to Business Associate Agreement for the provision one-way data sharing.

Action: Approved and authorized Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director, to sign proposed contract. Authorize Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to administer contract. This authorization shall include making minor adjustments to said contract from time to time as the Public Health Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not alter the amount not to exceed and do not substantially alter the scope of work or budget and are approved as to form by County Counsel.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-062

G. Contract with Susan Haun dba Strategies by Design for the Provision of Tobacco Education Program Evaluation Services

Departments: Public Health

Proposed contract with Strategies By Design pertaining to the provision of Tobacco Education Program (TEP) Evaluation Services.

Action: Approved, and authorized Chair to sign, contract with Strategies By Design for the provision of Tobacco Education Program (TEP) Evaluation Services for the period January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025 and a not-to-exceed amount of \$78,075.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-063

H. 2022 Maintained Mileage

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Section 2121 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides that in May of each year each County shall submit to the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) any additions or exclusions from its mileage of maintained County roads.

Action: Adopted proposed Resolution R22-031, Specifying Additions and/or Exclusions to the Maintained Mileage Within the County Road System and Establishing Maintained Mileage for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

R22-031

I. 2022-2023 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Departments: Sheriff

The Off-Highway Vehicle Grant requires a governing body resolution to approve filing an application for FY 2022-2023 funding and to certify the Board's understanding of the grant requirements.

Action: Adopted proposed Resolution R22-032, Authorizing the Mono County Sheriff's Office, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

R22-032

J. Second Amendment to Voting System Replacement Grant 18-G30126

Departments: Elections

The Secretary of State is offering a Voting System Replacement Grant Amendment with state funds to reimburse the County for voting system replacement activities. This is a second amendment to the grant, extending the final date to December 31, 2024.

Action: 1. Approved and authorized the Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters to sign Agreement #18G30126 Amendment #2 (Voting System Replacement) with the California Secretary of State for a date extension to December 31, 2024.

2. Increase appropriations in the Elections budget by \$99,607 and increase grant revenues by \$99,607. Requires a 4/5ths vote.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-064

K. Application from the Registrar of Voters to the Voting Modernization Board for Funding Consideration

Departments: Elections

During the February 9, 2022, Voting Modernization Board (VMB) meeting, the Board voted to accept applications for an additional funding round to reallocate and distribute the estimated \$10.8 million that will remain from the original allotments. Mono County used funds from the original allocation to purchase new voting machines in 2018 and electronic poll pads and does not need to purchase any new equipment. However, given the recent legislation that every active voter in the State of California be mailed a ballot, the Registrar of Voters would like to purchase equipment to streamline the envelope opening process; she also requests to purchase transport equipment in order to safely and easily transport the electronic poll pads. Attached to the agenda item is the application and equipment examples. The funds require a 3-to-1 match by the County.

Action: Approved Mono County Board of Supervisors Resolution R22-033, Approving an application from the County Registrar of Voters to the Voting Modernization Board for funding consideration.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

R22-033

L. Authorize Letter of Support for Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Request for Community Project Funding

Departments: CAO

YARTS is requesting \$500,000 in Community Project Funding through the office of Representative Jim Costa to conduct an electric infrastructure analysis to facilitate replacement of its over-the-road fleet with electric vehicles in compliance with California's 2026 zero-emission fleet regulations. YARTS is a significant presence and support for Mono County; Authorizing this letter will benefit both YARTS and the communities it serves.

Action: Approved letter and authorized the Chair to execute such letter on the Board's behalf.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-065

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Letter to the Board of Supervisors Regarding Walker River Irrigation District's Petitions for Temporary Transfer and Change

Notice from the State Water Resources Control Board to the Board of Supervisors regarding Walker River Irrigation District's Petitions for temporary transfer and change involving storage water rights established under the Walker River Decree, Case No. C-125-Conditional approval and Notice of Draft Report of Special Master for April 5, 2022, Board Meeting.

Supervisor Peters:

- Note: This is routine step in the form of notice of draft report

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Provides clarity on the Walker River irrigation District's 3-year pilot program

B. Letter of Support from Mono County Board of Supervisors for Disaster Services and Disaster Response

Board letter urging State of California support for a General Fund investment to provide funding and resources to bolster the ability of county human services departments to prepare for and respond to disasters.

Supervisor Peters:

- Effort to encourage the Governor to include in his budget – General Funds Monies: Monies that will go directly to support Human Services, help prepare for and respond to and recover from disasters and other emergencies.

C. IRWM Funding for a Groundwater Model for Tri-Valley Area

Letter from the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (TVGMD) agreeing that Mono County should take the place of the Owens Valley Groundwater Management Agency on the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) group's eligibility list as an applicant for funding for a groundwater model for the Tri-Valley Area.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Provides clarity on background discussion and direction

Holly Albert:

- Waiting for the final request for proposals from Department Water Resources for the grant, expecting deadline of grant to be late summer/early fall.
- Will continue to work with Stacey Simon on budgets and cost

Supervisor Duggan

- Very encouraging to see the tri-valley come together with the Board and Advisory Committee

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; Emily Janoff, Public Health Epidemiologist) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emily Janoff, Public Health Epidemiologist:

- Presented Item/Presentation
- Public Health is unable to provide boosters currently, pharmacies are providing boosters

Action: None.

B. Mono County 2022-24 Strategic Plan Update

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; Robert Bendorf, MRG Solutions) - Presentation by Robert Bendorf regarding the 2022-2024 Mono County Strategic Plan Update. On March 15, 2022, the Board received a presentation regarding a draft of the Strategic Plan Update following an engagement process which began in the Summer of 2021. Since March 15, additional comments have been received and addressed in this most current version of the plan.

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Introduces/Presented item
- With the amendments being proposed by Supervisor Corless that the board consider adopting this

Robert Bendorf, MRG Solutions:

- Thanks, board, for added comments and Supervisor Corless for the Native American History, tried to make adjustments according to comments
- Will be adding the comments made today
- It's promoting and marketing the Strategic Plan

Supervisor Corless:

- Page 3
- About Mono County
- Inclusion of local tribes is important, be sure not to relegate to history/past tense:
- Mono County is the traditional homeland of Native American tribes, including the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe, Utu Utu Gwaitu Tribe (Benton Paiute) and others. Their sovereignty, cultural heritage and stewardship are an important part of the county's past, present and future.
- Page 15
- Workforce/Operations
- --Legislative Advocacy and Support: Put legislative platform here, not under public lands, as the platform supports multiple focus areas.
- Page 16
- Sustainable Public Lands
- --Preserve and Protect Public Lands:
- Create" partnership---we have CPT, ESSRP and other existing partnerships. Change to "Work with partners to engage in protection and preservation of public lands and wildlife habitat and identify priority projects for county focus."
- Recreation and Tourism:
- Add: Continue to build county recreation program capacity to support sustainable recreation and tourism on public lands.
- Move: legislative platform to advocacy

Supervisor Duggan:

- In support of

Supervisor Peters:

- Likes the layout it flows well, looking forward to hearing more from the staff

Action: Approved this draft for subsequent publication and incorporation into the work plans of the County Administrator's Office and County departments.

Duggan motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-066

C. Enterprise Fleet Management

Departments: Public Works - Fleet

(Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent) - Enterprise Fleet Management offers solutions to vehicle acquisition and overall fleet management in ways that have significant potential to help Mono County modernize our fleet while saving money. Signing of the Master Equity Lease Agreement is the first step in entering into this partnership with Enterprise.

Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent:

- Presented Item

- Provided background
- Discussed challenges
- In response to Supervisor Peters - Kevin will reach out to CSAC and Inoprise to see if anything is missing
- In response to Supervisor Duggan (special districts) – Sheriffs vehicles – going to continue to remain on current purchasing plan: turned over to special districts upon their requests, mainly looking at the (pick ups and Subarus) moving forward

Supervisor Peters:

- Did we source this program thru CSAC? Is there any added benefit if CSAC was aware of us doing this? Suggested to Kevin to reach out to CSAC
- In full support

Supervisor Duggan:

- In support
- How are we addressing the needs of our special districts?

Action: 1) Authorized board chair to sign Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management; 2) Provided direction as necessary on the execution of subsequent lease agreements for vehicle acquisition.

Corless motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent, 0 no

Kreitz absent

M22-067

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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Robert C. Lawton, CAO

- Concerns in Bridgeport community regarding the concerns of Club House Live Program
- Supervisor Peters and CAO Lawton requested clarification from Behavior Health on the Club House Live Program
- There was some correspondence received under mistaken impression that the program had been closed, the program continues to be offered at Memorial Hall on Thursdays and Fridays
- There may be times that a session may be canceled due to staffing availability or facility availability
- Well received program in the community

- Behavioral Health is looking to expand programs for younger community members

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director

- Appreciates the community reaching out
- Target Population: primarily for middle school aged children
- Grateful that more programming is being requested. Right now, we do not have the staff capacity for any further programs, will be addressing as they move forward with the budget

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- There is a letter that raises this issue and will be on the agenda next week if there is a need for discussion: any member of the public is welcome to address issue at that time

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:25 AM

Reconvened: 12:32 PM

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, John Craig, Patty Francisco, and Oliver Yee. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 3/15 – Participated in the Joint Meeting with Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County Supervisors: Discussed issues pertinent to the Town and the County and how we can pull resources where appropriate
- 3/17 – Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board Meeting – included the 1st Public Hearing on the total district budget
- 3/23 – Tri – Valley Ground Water Authority
- 3/24 – Eastern Sierra Counsel on Aging – good to see some updates/reports on how we are covering some issues without the county
- 3/24 – Attended the board meeting for IMACA – working towards identifying the next steps and requested a plan for the funds that have been allocated thru different agencies and how they plan to spend the funds and how we find those services that we can still provide for the community
- Worked the last few weeks with the Leadership Academy – thanked everyone in NACo who suggested and participated
- Thanked the County Staff – for timely responses regarding our public spaces and outdoor areas

Supervisor Peters:

- 3/24 – Eastern Sierra Counsel on Aging and Attended the board meeting for IMACA – IMACA is actively working with many agencies, local and state to try and reorganized into a more efficient and sustainable model (IMACA 2.0)
- Planning Commission Meeting
- Tourism Commission Meeting – Lot of discussion on demographics, thru credit card analysis
- Bridgeport – has a 7 week stretch of hosting a wedding a week
- Attended variety of NACo calls
- WIR Public Lands Meeting - WIR upcoming Annual Conference
- Bodie Road is scheduled to open any day, Monitor Pass – open, and Virginia Lakes Road – is open

Chair Gardner:

- On Wednesday March 16 I participated in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center Board. This Board provides support for the USFS Visitor Center in Lone Pine. The primary topic discussed at the meeting was planning for operation of the VC for the 2022 season.
- Also, on the 16th I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. Topics discussed included placement of the fire prevention banner in Lee Vining and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- On Thursday, March 17 I participated in the quarterly meeting of the First 5 Commission. Topics at that meeting included approval of several contracts, review of the First 5 Annual Evaluation and Strategic Plan, and Budget, and continued concern regarding the availability of childcare in the County.

- From Thursday the 17th to Saturday the 19th, I attended the Yosemite Policymakers Conference in the Park. This was an interesting conference that included over 150 county and municipal elected and other officials with presentations about various topics, including climate change, renewable energy projects, economic development, wildfires and forest management, broadband, diversity and equity, and housing and homelessness.
- On Monday March 21, I participated in another planning meeting for the July 13 Children's Summit.
- On Tuesday March 22, I listened to a presentation by the Brookings Institution about the economy after COVID. There was good information about future projections for inflation, the labor market, and consumer confidence.
- On Thursday March 31, I participated in the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Roundtable and made a brief presentation about the Citizens Wildfire Academy scheduled to begin Monday night April 18 at 6 PM. Dave Carle will present the first session about the History of Wildfire in the Eastern Sierra and California. A press release about the CWA was sent out last week.
- Also, on the 31st I participated in a call with Carina Camayo and Molly Wiltshire, who represent Governor Newsom's Office for our area. We discussed issues of concern to our region, and an email following our call was sent to all Board members.
- Yesterday I participated in the monthly meeting of the NACO Public Lands and Western Interstate Region call. We received an update on pending Congressional action and other matters.
- Finally, yesterday I joined Supervisor Corless for a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics discussed included several Federal and state recreation-related activities, and updates from each of the participants.

Supervisor Corless:

- 3/16 and 18: Participated as a county representative in the USFS Region 5 roundtables on implementation of the Forest Service's 10-year strategy to address the wildfire crisis. Advocated for increased partnership and opportunities for counties/local partners to engage in prioritization and decision making on forest health projects. Info on 10-year strategy here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/wildfire-crisis>
- 3/17: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board Meeting in Lee Vining--budget hearing, administrative code updates, update on nomination of Patsiata (Owens Lake) to National Register of Historic Places, will be considered at state lands commission meeting later this month.
- Multi-agency meetings regarding recreation impacts of Ormat's construction of CDIV pipeline at Shady Rest.
- 3/24 Wildfire and Forest Resilience task force: presentations on inter-agency treatment tracking, reforestation, and wood products innovations. Also, strategic plan for expanding use of beneficial fire was released this week. <https://fntf.fire.ca.gov/>

- 3/25: Golden State Connect Authority Board Meeting
Approved MOU with UTOPIA, presentations on pilot projects, priority-setting process, preliminary approval of EDA grant application:
https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Misc/2022/GSCA_BOD_Highlights_03252022_FINAL.pdf
- 3/30: Golden State Natural Resources
- Progress on CEQA/NEPA process for projects, update on communications plan
- 4/3: NACo Public Lands Steering Committee monthly meeting
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership--updates from Inyo National Forest on lack of Public Information Officer capacity, and request for assistance, would like to see county try to help, given the upcoming fishing/recreation season and fire. Statistics from forest on permit applications for Mt. Whitney and Sierra backcountry indicate continuing high demand.
- Enjoyed a fine performance of Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre's production of *The Women*, feature our own Supervisor Duggan.

Break Session: 11:15 AM

Reconvened: 11:25 AM

ADJOURN AT 12:34 PM

ATTEST



Bob Gardner (Aug 21, 2022 17:26 PDT)

**BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**



**DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK – ELECTIONS ASSISTANT**